

Washington - The House Energy and Commerce Committee today passed two measures supported by Rep. Lee Terry. The first, H.R. 910 (the Energy Tax Prevention Act) is designed to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from unilaterally imposing a costly cap-and-trade style regulatory tax on American energy production.

By increasing costs on the production of American energy, the EPA will cause energy prices to skyrocket. The Energy Tax Prevention Act will permanently prevent a national energy tax from being imposed by fiat by the EPA.

The second measure passed by the committee, H.J.Res. 37, will overturn the network neutrality rules submitted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Last December, the FCC adopted rules allowing the federal government to regulate how fixed and mobile broadband carriers provide access to content, applications, services, and devices among other mandates. The resolution will nullify the agency rules.

Both measures will now move to the full House for consideration.

"Whether it is leveling a massive tax on American energy production or limiting our access to the Internet, the more government gets involved, the more jobs it costs. During a time when our economy is struggling to recover, the last thing we need is more government mandates on the engines driving our growth, hampering small businesses and keeping people from going back to work," Terry said.

